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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

To the best of my knowledge, the fullest typed or printed report of the Shaw trial is that which appeared in The Times-Picayune and New Orleans States-Item.

No verbatim transcript has been typed, although the tape recordings are reported to me to be intact. Had the verdict been guilty, I am sure that the defense would have ordered a typed transcript for use in its appeal. I doubt that anyone would now be sufficiently interested in the verbatim transcript to pay to have it typed.

If there are any portions of our coverage which are not available to you please let me know. I'll be very happy to send you tearsheets or photocopies to fill in any gaps which may exist in your records.

As we said in our editorial on March 2, Jim Garrison was entitled, beyond any question, to challenge findings of the Warren Commission. His selection of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court as the forum in which he sought to vindicate his own conclusions regarding the assassination of President Kennedy appeared to us a mistake. It certainly was a burden on our community.

At the conclusion of the trial I thought that Garrison might be made a martyr. His conduct since the verdict was handed down suggest to me that he may make a martyr of Clay Shaw.

Sincerely,

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